

## Report of the Recreation Department

Our 30<sup>th</sup> year of providing year round recreation services to the Town of Moultonborough, proved to be a great one! The Recreation Department continued to offer a wide variety of activities to all and has worked hard to expand and increase programming to all residents and visitors. A special focus in '09 was on our adult and senior adult population. Due to our additional programs our report format will be a bit different than in previous years. The numbers included in bold are the number of participants.

### **Adults and Seniors – Events, Activities, Programs and Trips geared to adults and senior adults:**

**\*Senior Socials** First and Third Tuesday at Community Center – social time, activities and guest speakers - **21** **\*Boston Pops Holiday Concert**–with Meredith P&R - **12** **\*Cabbage Island Clam Bake Trip** - **25** **\*Portland Flower Show** – held in conjunction with Meredith P&R and Moultonborough Senior Meals Program - **18** **\*Story-teller dinner at Corner House** – Appetizers at Community Center followed by a group outing to Corner House **10** **\*Trip to Yankee Candle Factory** in Deerfield, MA – **8** **\*Moonlight Snowshoe Hike** at Ridgewood Country Club with social time and refreshments following - **20** **\*Gentle Yoga** –at Community Center Mondays and Wednesdays - **13** **\*Tai Chi**– Tuesdays at Community Center **13** **\*Jazzercise** – Monday and Wednesday Evenings at Community Center PM - **15** **\*Sit and Stretch** at Meals Program – Wednesdays – **10** **\*S.W.I.F. T.** – “Seniors with Interests in Fitness and Things” - **3** **\*Adult Co-ed Softball League** – **9 teams** approximately **160 players** **\*Tennis Tournaments** – Moultonborough Match & Edith’s Tourney – Men’s and Women’s Doubles - **26**

**Family Events/Special Events:** **\*Old Home Day Activities, Penny Carnival and Luau** – **21** **\*Father Daughter Valentine’s Dance** - **78** **\*Trip to Manchester Monarchs** – **12** **\*Trip to Manchester Wolves**-**17** **\*Family Make A Mess Day**- State Wide Event –as part of NH State Parks Great Park Pursuit - **84** **\*Moultonborough Pathway Road Race** – held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Pathway Association – **70+** **\*American Girl Store – Mother Daughter Trip** – **28** **\*Winter Solstice Celebration**- **17** **\*Community Wide Block Party** – held in conjunction with local businesses and organizations including but not limited to: Zelek and Associates, Moultonborough Women’s Club, Moultonborough Lion’s Club, Moultonborough Library – Estimated as **over 500** **\*“Kettle Curling”** – **6** **\*Softball Jamboree** – **Over 90;** **\*Water Carnival** – **74** **\*Halloween Party** – **Over 200**

**Teens and” Tweens”:** **\*After School Drop In Program** - **45** – Average Daily Attendance – **16** **\*Morbid Mountain Halloween Trip** - **16** **\*All Night Lock-In** – held in conjunction with Moultonborough Taking Action - **44** **\*Mall Trip** - **17**

**Summer Programs:** **\*Hot and Happy Pre-school** - **15** **\*Happy Campers** – day camp ages 6-8 **91** **\*RECKing Crew** – day camp ages 9-12 – **134** **\*Teen Adventure** Adventure and trip based program ages 12 – 15 - **52** **\*Art Ventures** – Two week art exploration camp – **10** **\*Creative Writing Workshop** – ages 10-14 – **10** **\*Tennis Lessons** (adults and children) – **40** **\*Swimming Lessons** – **56** **\*Play Soccer Camp** - **15**

**Feb/April Vacation Activities:** **\*Red Hill Sledding Party** – **20** **\*Open Gyms** – **15-20** **\*Hike Rattlesnake** – **6** **\*Get Messy** – **10** **\*Picnic in the Park** – Cancelled **\*Tubing Trip** – Cancelled due to weather

**Youth Sports:** \*Basketball – 153 \*Baseball and Softball – 157 \*Soccer 145 \*Volleyball 17 \*Flag Football – 12 \*Hershey Track and Field – 35 with 8 qualifying for the NH state final and one athlete, Joe Smith, advancing to the National Final in Hershey PA Joe is the first Moultonborough track and field athlete to qualify for the national meet in 30 years \*Junior Division – Edith's Tournament – Tennis - 6 \*Nuttty November Night – 25 \*Youth Sport Clinics – varied numbers \*Pitch, Hit and Run Competition – 20 Youth sport coaches are trained and pass national background checks

**Other Youth Activities/Lessons:** \*Safe on my Own – American Red Cross Class – 12 \*Kid's Night Out Spring – 10 \*Kid's Night Out Winter – 11 \*Skating Lessons – 11 \*"Winter Days" – held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Central School – over 200 \*Winter Bingo 20 \*Karate – 22 \*Kids on Stage – 29 \*Kidzercise – 21 \*Greetings from the North Pole - 15

**Recreation Advisory Board:** The Recreation Advisory Board meets the second Monday of every month at 5:00 PM the Community Center. Thanks to Board members: Chair Becky Bryant, Harry Blood, Karin Nelson, Joanne Farnham, Carla Taylor and alternates Al Hume and Jane Fairchild. The Advisory Board has been instrumental in establishing a Code of Conduct for youth athletes, parents of youth athletes and youth sport coaches, establishing a process for violations of the code, and in establishing mandatory parent meetings for youth sport parents.

**Recreation Facilities:** All Moultonborough Recreation facilities – The Community Center, Moultonborough Recreation Area on Playground Drive, including baseball and soccer fields, ice rink, tennis courts, basketball court and play areas, Long Island Beach, States Landing Beach, The Point at Long Island and the Moultonborough Pathway are well used. We were successful in our Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to be used towards the rehabilitation of the soccer field on Playground Drive.

**Committees and Collaborations:** The Recreation Dept. continues to collaborate with other town departments, various organizations and serve on several committees, including but not limited to: the Community Services Team, Moultonborough Taking Action, Moultonborough Pathway Association, and the Moultonborough Wellness Committee.

Moultonborough Recreation staff members regularly attend workshops and trainings in order to offer the best in recreation services and stay on top of trends and issues in the recreation profession. Recreation staff members remain active in the parks and recreation movement at the state, regional and national level. Both the director and assistant director are regularly called on for presentations at conferences and workshops at the state, regional and national level.

**Appreciation:** As always we take this opportunity to thank all those many people and organizations who have contributed to our success this year. Thanks to our well over 100 volunteers who serve on boards, committees, and who coach, officiate, chaperone, supervise, instruct and maintain the ice rink etc. Thanks to the Fire Dept. for foaming our fields, lighting and managing our bonfires and other assistance, to the Police Dept for much assistance during the year, to the Highway Dept. and especially to Andy, Denny and Isaiah, to all other town departments who we work with on a regular basis. A very sincere thanks also goes to the Moultonborough Schools and their personnel for many co-operative efforts and for the use of their facilities.

Thanks, too, to local businesses and organizations that sponsor our teams and events; to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator for their support and recognition of the importance of public recreation in our community. Last, but definitely not least, a gigantic thank you to our enthusiastic and capable summer and year round staff – especially Hilary Bride, Kaitlin Sampson and Donna Tatro for their overwhelming commitment and dedication. You make us who we are.

Respectfully submitted by:

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